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A SPUTTER TARGET ONTO A BACKING PLATE AND THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued November 8, 2007. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a one-month extension of time is attached.

Replacement Drawings are attached hereto.

Amendments to the claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on page 4 of this paper.